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OUR 65TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

ROPEX 2015 Rochester National Stamp Show

An APS "World Series of Philately" Event

May 15-17

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center,
250 North Bloomfield Road,
Canandaigua, NY 14424



Show Theme:
*Elvis Presley –
Return to Sender*

A Presentation of the Rochester Philatelic Association
www.rpastamps.org

RPA welcomes the National Convention of the
Auxiliary Markings Club



Welcome to ROPEX 2015

The members of the Rochester Philatelic Association are happy that you could join us for our annual show. The twenty dealers at this year's show offer a wide variety of philatelic material and we hope each of you will find something new for your collection. This year you will also find coin dealers who we welcome in broadening our show's appeal to the public.

Take the opportunity to check out the 194 exhibit frames at this year's show. The Grand winner among the competitive exhibits will represent ROPEX in the APS "Champion of Champions" competition being held in Grand Rapids, MI in August. For more on all the awards our exhibitors are competing for, please visit the ROPEX page on our website.

ROPEX 2015 welcomes the national convention of the Auxiliary Markings Club (<http://www.postal-markings.org/>). The organization was founded in 2003 by John Hotchner and Douglas Quine with the goal of helping all to understand the origin and meanings of markings, and facilitating the exchanging of material of interest among members. With over 30 charter members, editor Tony Wawrukiewicz published the first edition of their quarterly Auxiliary Markings newsletter in January 2004. Today members come from across the United States, Canada and several countries around the world. Annual club dues are \$18 on January 1, 2015.



ROPEX 2015 souvenir covers honor Elvis Presley and Auxiliary Markings related to his hit song Return to Sender. Covers are \$7 per set of 3 and may be bought at the show or by mailing a check and SASE (or add \$1 per set) to:

RPA, PO Box 10206 Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610

We invite you to join the RPA! Meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months between September and June, and only once in November and December on the second Thursday. *New location!* Meetings are at the JCC of Greater Rochester in Brighton at 1200 Edgewood Avenue in Room A. Buy/sell/trade runs from 7:00-7:30 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:30 PM. **Find out more information and get a membership application at the RPA table!**

2015 Schedule & Events

Thursday, May 14

8 AM-6 PM.....ROPEX setup (exhibitors and dealers welcome 1-6 PM)

Friday, May 15 - Rochester Philatelic Association Day (11 AM – 6 PM)

8 AM-6 PM.....ROPEX Judges' Deliberation Room (Judging Room 1)
9:30-11 AM....."Early Bird" Bourse- \$20 entry for interested collectors and dealers
11 AM.....Show opens, Welcome/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, show entrance
11 AM-6 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
2-4 PM.....Auxiliary Markings Club Board Meeting (Room 1*)

Saturday, May 16 - Auxiliary Markings Club Day (10 AM – 5 PM)

10 AM-6 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
11 AM-Noon.....Auxiliary Markings Club General Meeting (Room 1)
Noon-1 PM.....Empire State Postal History Society Trading Hour and Mtg. (Room 1)
Noon-5 PM.....Cachet Makers' Bourse
1-2 PM.....American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors "Open Forum on Exhibiting" (Room 1)
2-3 PM.....ROPEX Judges' Feedback Forum (Room 1)
6 PM.....ROPEX Awards Banquet (Schooner's, cocktails 6, dinner 6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 17 - Stamp Collectors' Day (10 AM – 3 PM)

10 AM-3 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
1-1:15 PM.....RPA Youth "Design-A-Stamp" Awards Presentation (show floor)
1:30-2:30 PM....."A Visual Tour of the Postmark Collectors Club Museum"
by Gary Hendren (Room 1)
3 PM.....Show closes, Exhibit Pickup

2015 ROPEX Committee

Awards: Ada Prill
Banquet: Ray Stone
Bourse: Dave Robinson
Cachet and Cachet Design: Tom Fortunato
Cachet Sales: Rick Kase
Design-A-Stamp: Frank Tritto, Mary Iman
Exhibits/Judges/Palmars: Tom Fortunato
Hospitality Table: Chuck Schultz

Publicity: Tom Fortunato
Show Program: Fred Haynes
Site Coordination: Dave Robinson
Staging: Rick Kase
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Volunteers: Chuck Schultz
Youth Activities: Mary Iman
At-Large: John Lighthouse,
Carl Miller, Rich Spinelli (Ex Officio)

2014-15 Rochester Philatelic Association Officers

President: Rich Spinelli
Vice President: Carl Miller
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Recording Secretary: Fred Haynes

Board (to June 2015): Chuck Schultz
Board (to June 2015): Rick Kase
Board (to June 2017): Bob Kingston
Past President: Tom Fortunato

2015 ROPEX Judging Panel

John M. Hotchner, Falls Church, VA (Chairman)
Robert P. Meegan, East Aurora, NY
Rodney Paige, Thorold, ON
Henry H. Sweets III, Hannibal, MO
Alan Warren, Exton, PA

ROPEX 2015 Dealers

- Table 1** **Tom's Stamps** tomsstamps@zoominternet.net
PO Box 470, Butler, PA 16003 (724) 287-1931
Classic US, picture postcards, lots
- Table 2** **Dave Allego** dallego@neo.rr.com
PO Box 69, Salem, OH 44460 (234) 567-4181
Worldwide covers, cinderellas, ephemera
- Table 3** **Al Greco Stamps & Dollar Table** alfredgreco@verizon.net
1190 Nolan Rd, Macedon, NY 14502 (315) 986-7948
US and worldwide stamps, US and Canadian revenues
- Table 4** **Doug Weisz US Covers** weiszcovers@yahoo.com
PO Box 1458, McMurray, PA 15317 (773) 914-4332
www.douglasweisz.com
US covers (including FDCs, navals, flights, events)
- Table 5** **Suburban Stamp and Coin** merristamp@aol.com
PO Box 2338, Syracuse, NY 13220 (315) 452-0593
US and worldwide stamps, US coins
- Table 6** **Britannia Enterprises** michael.e.mead@verizon.net
PO Box 2114, Orleans, MA 02653 (508) 255-2465
Postal History, Worldwide covers, cinderellas, ephemera
- Table 7** **Richfield Philatelic Company** billwits@aol.com
113 Richfield Ave, Buffalo, NY 14220 (716) 826-1242
US and worldwide stamps and covers, collection lots
- Table 8** **S & C Resnick** resn@aol.com (315) 655-2810
2783 W Lake Rd, Cazenovia, NY 13035
Stamps, postal stationery, ephemera
- Table 9** **Doubleday Postal History** doub@worldpath.net (603) 875-1808
PO Box 119, Alton, NH 03809 US postal history
- Table 10** **McCloud Stamps, Coins, Covers & Dollar Table** (585) 507-3533
istoltz@rochester.rr.com 109 Maple Center Rd, Hilton, NY 14468 US,
Canada, France, worldwide, coins www.mccloudstampsandcoins.com
- Table 11** **1840-1950 Mostly Stamps** hstamps@jlc.net
PO Box 423, Milford, NH 03055-0423 (603) 673-7180
US, British Empire and worldwide- stamps, covers, lots
- Table 12** **Canterbury Stamps** adaptron@comcast.net (603) 888-4317
10 Chaucer Rd, Nashua, NH 03062 (603) 888-4317 Worldwide,
U.S. (singles and mint sheets), topicals www.canterburystamps.com
- Table 13** **Donofrio Philatelics** loofer@rochester.rr.com (585) 747-7218
10 Chestnut Dr, Rochester, NY 14624
US, Canada, and worldwide stamps
- Table 14** **Mr. Stampman** PO Box 147, Watkins Glen, NY 14891
Stamps, covers, coins
- Table 15** **Smitty's Coins East** smittyseast@icloud.com
80 S. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424 (609) 259-0939
Collins hand painted First Day Covers www.smittyscoins.com

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- Table 16** **Collins First Day Covers** collinscachets@yahoo.com
PO Box 188, Allentown, NJ 08501 (609) 259-0939
Collins hand painted First Day Covers
- Table 17** **Amberman Postal History/Don Tocher, US Classics**
dontocher@earthlink.net www.postalnet.com/dontocher/
4935 Franklin Dr, Boulder, CO 80301 (617) 686-0288
Worldwide postal history of all eras, auxiliary markings, FDCs
- Table 18** **Laurence L. Winum** winum@frontiernet.net
PO Box 247, Walden, NY 12586-0247 (800) 914-8090
US and Germany stamps and covers
- Table 19** **Stamp Smith** smidale@kc.rr.com (816) 734-4536
1212 NE 96th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64155
Topicals, US, worldwide and covers
- Table C1** **Armstrong Cachets** karmstr2@rochester.rr.com
PO Box 24663, Rochester, NY 14624-4663 www.armstrongcachets.com

ROPEX 2015 Exhibits (* denotes RPA member)

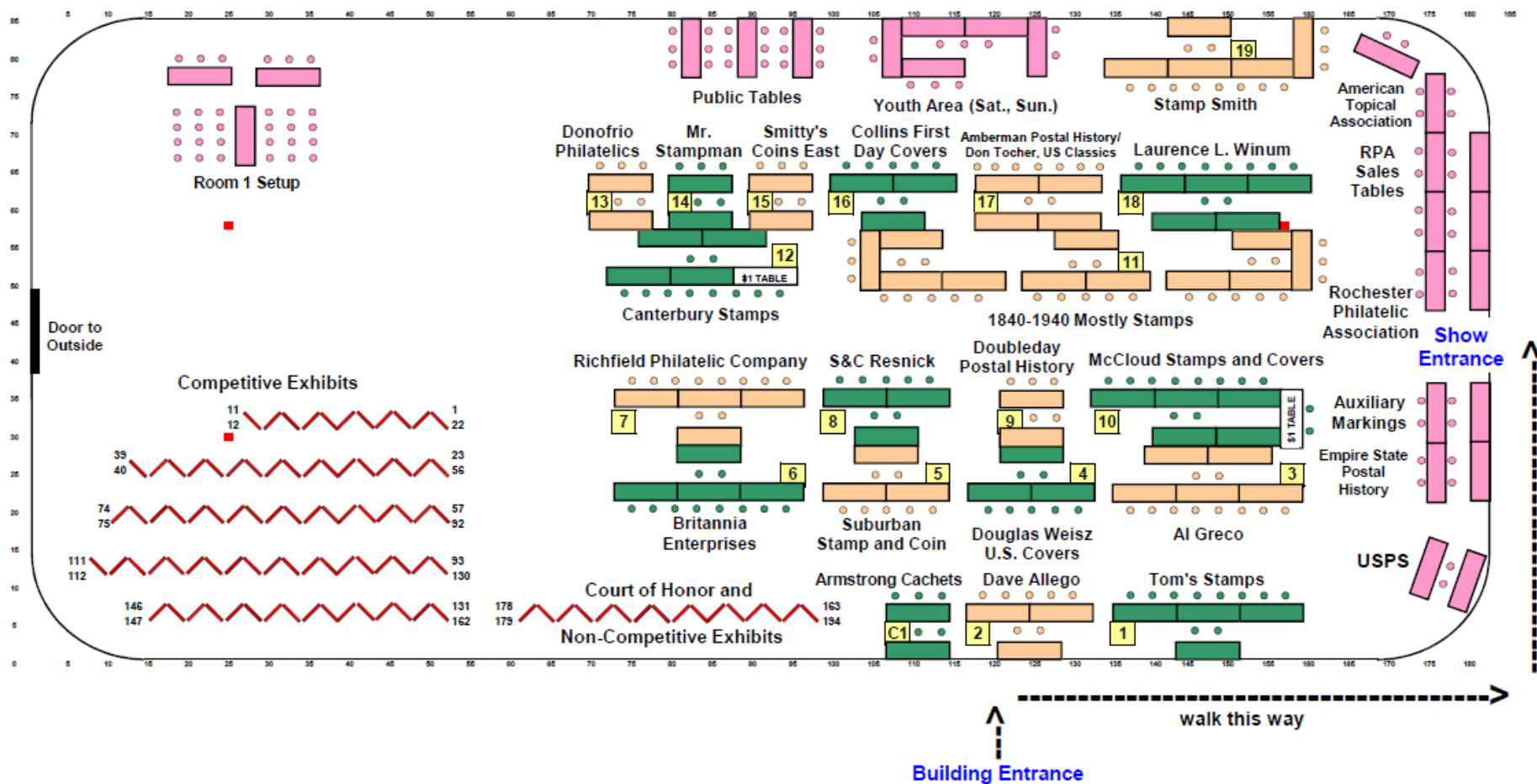
- What are Auxiliary Markings?** [Ralph H. Nafziger](#)
The exhibit provides an introduction to auxiliary markings by showing a variety of examples from sending to receiving post office. (Non-Competitive)
- Bordeaux Postal Markings Before the French Revolution 1690-1792** [François Brisse](#)
The exhibit illustrates the postmarks that were used on mail from and to Bordeaux under the "Poste-aux-lettres" administration, before 1792. (Postal)
- Solo Usages of Canada's One Cent Small Queen: 1870-1897** [Allison Cusick](#)
The many ways a single one cent stamp could carry the mail in Canada in the late 19th century. (Postal)
- 1838-42 Wilkes Antarctic Expedition: Its many (often unfavorable) facets** [Hal Vogel](#)
History of the "Wilkes Antarctic Expedition" (1838-42) from its posted mail, related documents and from other contemporaneous Antarctic expeditions (Display)
- The Three Milliemmes Army Post Stamps 1936-41** [Richard S. Wilson](#)
This traditional exhibit shows the various forms of these two special stamps and their use. (Postal)
- That's a Postage Stamp?** [Thomas M. Fortunato*](#) Fun exhibit displays variety of non-traditional postage stamps-3D's, holograms, CDs, wood, silver, etc. (Non-comp.)
- The International Aerogrammes of China (1948-1949)** [David Y. Lu](#)
A study of the different issues, rates and uses from the first 1948 issue until the Republic of China government withdrew from China in 1949. (Postal)
- Jesus** [Tammy Moll](#) The life and ministry of Jesus told with stamps. (Thematic)
- Making Whitetail Venison Sausage** [George DeKornfeld](#)
A single frame thematic exhibit in recipe form. (Thematic)
- Twisted Caps-Twisted Mail** [Gary G. Hendren](#)
An auxiliary marking exhibit that shows the problems that occur when a drink company offers a prize for mailing in a bottle cap. (Postal)

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- 11 **Wheat Ridge- The Other Christmas Seal** [Alan Moll](#) Production and usage of the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals in booklet format from 1910 to 1942. (Cinderella)
- 12- **Frogs & Toads** [Sam Chiu](#) Exhibit describes family characteristics of Frogs and
16 Toads and their roles in science, literature, The Arts and more. (Thematic)
- 17- **Letters to the Stars!** [Regis Hoffman](#) A study of Hollywood fan mail, from the silent
22 era to the modern day. (Display)
- 23- **Postal Markings on Mail from Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon** [François Brisse](#)
24 Early overseas mail from Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon was routed through Halifax, North Sydney or Saint-John's. The exhibit shows examples of the postal markings (Postal)
- 25- **Guatemalan Auxiliary Markings, 1898-1967** [David Fine](#) Guatemalan postal
31 markings of the period ca. 1898-1967 applied to mail for promotional, attributional, or directional purposes. (Postal)
- 32- **A Postal History of the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1917** [Elmer Cleary](#)
39 A history of the Mexican Revolution seen through a study of the usages of its postal issues in the period 1910-1917. (Postal)
- 40- **Baseball Centennial... Every Boy a Cover** [Jeff Bennett](#)
49 Traditional first day cover exhibit for the 1939 stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of baseball. (Illustrated Mail)
- 50- **Auxiliary Markings on U.S. First Day Covers** [Ralph H. Nafziger](#)
56 The flow of FDCs through the mails, as evidenced by a wide variety of auxiliary markings and postmarks, is shown. (Postal)
- 57- **Woody Guthrie: His Life and His Songs** [Stephen L. Suffet*](#) Recounting the life
66 of folk musician Woody Guthrie through his song lyrics (Display)
- 67- **James William Denver- The Man & His Times** [William J. Johnson](#)
74 Tracing the life and importance of J.W. Denver, a 19th century attorney, politician, duelist, and Civil War General via postal history, letters, and other items. (Display)
- 75- **Distribution and Use of United Kingdom One Penny (1d) Perfins 1868-1880**
82 [Larry Rausch*](#) This exhibit is intended as a study of Great Britain Penny Red commercial perfins. (Postal)
- 83- **Australia- King George V Side Faced Surface Printed Issues 1914-1937**
90 [David G. Nickson](#) A traditional study of all values. The many printings are identified after considering plate varieties, colour shades, and dates of issue. (Postal)
- 91- **The Marianne de Dulac: Examples of Postal Usage 1945-1955** [Alain Benitah](#)
92 Examples of utilization of the different values of the Marianne de Dulac series after its withdrawal, and throughout the different rate changes. (Postal)
- 93- **First Days of the 1929 George Rogers Clark Commemorative** [Andrew](#)
102 [McFarlane](#) A study of a popular commemorative through first day use. (Illustrated Mail)
- 103- **The Sullivan Commemorative of 1929** [Alan Parsons*](#) Background, production,
110 FDCs (official/unofficial), and commercial uses of this 1929 commemorative issued for the American Revolution's Sullivan-Clinton Campaign 150th anniversary. (Postal)
- 111 **The East Branch of the Delaware River** [Ada Prill*](#) The East Branch of the Delaware River, including the Pepacton Reservoir, as shown in picture postcards. (Non-Competitive)

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- 112- **The Marcophily of Hudson, New York, 1793-1919** [George DeKornfeld](#) This
121 exhibit traces the evolution of various postal markings (and their combinations) used in Hudson beginning in 1793, the earliest such marking known. (Postal)
- 122- **Identification and Usages of the Large Bank Note Issues** [Robert P. Meegan*](#)
125 Answering the questions of why, how, and for what reason the Large Bank Notes were created. (Non-Competitive)
- 126- **Corning, NY Postal History Including DPOs Now Served by the Corning Post**
130 **Office** [Alan Parsons*](#) An examination of mail handling from 1834 to date in the area now covered by the Corning, NY Post Office. (Postal)
- 131- **Chefoo Local Post, China 1893-96** [Sam Chiu](#) Exhibit aims to show that there
135 was an actual demand and need for the stamps and services of Chefoo Local Post by foreign residents. (Postal)
- 136- **Sino-Russo-Japanese War Military Mail: Manchuria, Korea, Japan 1894-1911**
140 [Myron Palay](#) Military covers and a few post cards of military. (Postal)
- 141- **Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War** [John Lighthouse*](#)
146 This Revenue Fiscal History exhibit is focused on the First Issue revenue stamps and the documents taxable under the Tax Act of 1862, Schedule B. (Revenue)
- 147- **St. Louis Street Car Mail 1892-1915** [Gary G. Hendren](#) A look at the routes,
151 markings, and usages of mail posted on the first street car mail service. (Postal)
- 152- **Rates and Usages of the U.S. 3-Cent Circular Die Stamped Envelopes: 1917-**
157 **1960** [Stephen L. Suffet*](#) This postal history exhibit shows how the United States 3¢ Circular Die stamped envelopes were used in their day. (Postal)
- 158- **U.S. Vended Postal Insurance- A Failed Experiment** [Alan Moll](#) Production,
162 sale, usage, and demise of Postal Insurance stamps and booklets from 1965 to 1985. (Postal)
- 163 **Identifying Early Great Britain** [Edward Bailey](#) Letters, numbers, and
watermarks on Great Britain Stamps on Scott #1-73. (Non-Competitive)
- 164- **Treasures from the Vault- Roman States** [Cardinal Spellman Museum](#)
168 A selection of world rarities from the Roman States issued from 1852 to 1870 when it became postally part of Italy. (Court of Honor)
- 169- **World Rarities and Uniquities** [John Hotchner](#) A lifetime accumulation of
178 fascinating philatelic material principally from the US but also foreign; notable for its scarcity, value, and its significance in philatelic or world history. (Court of Honor)
- 179- **20th Century US Auxiliary Markings Documenting Delay Of, Or Inability To**
188 **Deliver the Mail: The First 50 Years, 1900-1951** [John Hotchner](#)
A comprehensive review of US auxiliary markings that documents the many reasons mail could be delayed, or failed of delivery; showing the reality of day-to-day postal operations in the world's highest volume postal system. (Court of Honor)
- 189 **Five Cent Blue Stamps** [Edward Bailey](#)
A presentation of U.S. five cent stamps from 1851-1937. (Non-Competitive)
- 190- **Identifying Early Great Britain** [Edward Bailey](#) Letters, numbers, and watermarks
191 on Great Britain Stamps on Scott #1-73. (Non-Competitive)
- 192- **All Aboard America** [Florence Wright*](#) Display of the U.S. 1999 locomotives
194 stamp issue featuring items promoted and produce by the Postal Service, along with uses by postal patrons. (Non-Competitive)



Welcome to ROPEX 2015: Check out the RPA sales table where you will find a wide variety of items for sale, from 10 cent pick-and-choose stamps to sets, albums and collections! You'll also find several ROPEX dealers with Dollar Tables where everything is on sale for \$1 or less!

Congratulations to all our ROPEX Youth Design-A-Stamp Competition finalists from the Rochester and Syracuse area and as far away as Missouri.

Be sure to check out both the Competitive Exhibits and the Court of Honor Exhibits. There is surely something of interest there for everyone.

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